(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to increase the share of the State in wheat production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Estimates of wheat yield in Maharashtra as compared to the National averages during 1994-95 to 1996-97 are given below:

Yield (Kgs/ha)

Year	Maharashtra	National average
1994-95	1449	2559
1995-96	1279	2483
1996-97	1460	2671

(b) As per the prevailing agro-climatic conditions specially the short winter season the Maharashtra state is not very suitable for obtaining high yields of wheat. However, area under wheat cultivation could be increased by bringing additional irrigated area under the crop.

(c) For increasing the production and productivity of cereals including the wheat, Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Coarse Cereals Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP-Coarse Cereals) is under implementation in the State of Maharashtra. Under the above scheme, incentives are given to the farmers on the use of quality seeds, farm implements, sprinkler sets so as to encourage the adoption of improved cereals/wheat production technology. Besides, for the effective transfer of technology, farmers trainings and field demonstrations are also organised. For popularising the location specific High Yielding Varieties (HYVs) of wheat seed minikits of wheat are distributed under the "Central Sector Wheat Minikit Programme"

Technology Mission on Dairy Development

3249. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Technology Mission on Diary Development is under implementation in the State of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have assessed the success of the Mission in the State;

(d) if so, the findings thereof; and

(e) the measures being taken to develop Diary Sector in the State, particularly in its backward region of Vidarbha?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (d) The scheme of Technology Mission on Diary Development was not implemented in some States including Maharashtra.

(e) Two major projects for the integrated development of the dairy sector have been sanctioned by the Central Government for Maharashtra State with a total investment of Rs. 39.26 crores and covering the districts of Gadchiroli, Yeotmal, Chandrapur, Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg, Thane, Jalna, Akola, Parbhani and Raigad.

एकीकृत धान्य विकास कार्यक्रम (धान) के अंतर्गत उत्तर प्रदेश को अनुदान दिया जाना

3250. **श्री मनोहर कान्त ध्यानी:** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने एकीकृत धान्य विकास कार्यक्रम (धान) के अंतर्गत केन्द्रीय सरकार से अनुदान के वर्तमान स्तर को बढ़ाने, विद्युत चालित कृषि उपकरणों पर भी अनुदान दिए जाने तथा मुद्रा में सुधार की दृष्टि से लौह, कैल्शियम, सल्फर इत्यादि पर अनुदान को अनुमोदित करने की मांग की है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन्हें कब तक स्वीकृति दे दी जायेगी, यदि नहीं तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सोमपाल): (क) और (ख) चावल आधारित फसल प्रणाली वाले क्षेत्रों में केन्द्रीय प्रायोजित एकीकृत अनाज विकास कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत वर्तमान वित्तीय वर्ष के लिए अनुदान राशि बढ़ाने के लिए अथवा इस स्कीम के अंतर्गत कवर